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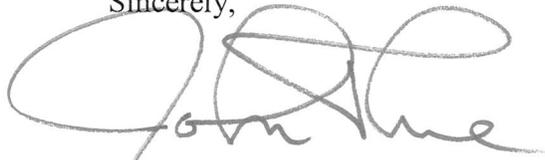
Chairman Robert C. Byrd
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Thad Cochran
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested from the Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Thune". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Thune
United States Senator